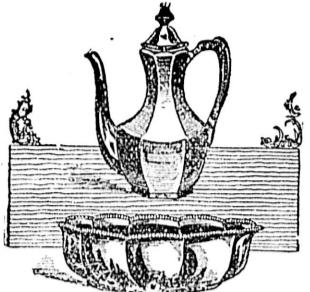


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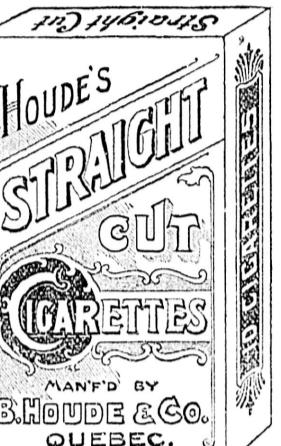
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## NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Reserve for Medical Officers—Another M.P. Given a Fat Office—Scout Offers His Services.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 1.—"Charlie" Ross, who did splendid work as a scout in the Northwest in 1885, is here to volunteer his services in connection with the Canadian contingent in South Africa.

An order-in-council appointing Mr. Beauisolil, M.P., postmaster of Montreal was signed by the Governor-General today. Thus another faithful is gone to his reward.

A reserve for medical officers has been created by the militia department, and medical officers who have resigned or vacated regimental appointments since June 30 will be eligible for the list.

**Messrs. Hartman & Co.** have opened with a large stock of

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"We have no right to go into the gutters to fish up the derelict press of any country and to hold it up to scorn or as a motive of our policy. It is impossible that the Queen could be defamed by such attacks, which only recoil on the attackers; and whatever the degraded outbreak may mean it does not represent the best or highest opinion of France.

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## Khalifa's End Quite Dramatic

Lay Down with His Emirs  
Calmly Await the Fate  
Impending.

Anglo-Egyptian Force Swept  
Unawares Over the De-  
voted Party.

By Associated Press.

Cairo, Dec. 1.—Officers from the Soudan who have arrived here say that when Gen. Wingate's force overtook the Khalifa the latter tried to outflank the Anglo-Egyptians, but failed.

Seeing his position was hopeless, the Khalifa told his emirs to stay with him and die. He then spread a sheepskin on the ground, with the emirs on either side of him. The Khalifa was shot through the head, heart, arms and legs, and the emirs were lying beside him. The members of his body guard were all dying in front of them.

Gen. Wingate's force swept over them without recognizing the Khalifa and his emirs, but they were identified later. The Khalifa is described as of medium height, stout, of light brown color, and wearing a grey beard.

GAOL MATRON IN TROUBLE.

Charged With Assisting Condemned  
Murderess in Attempt to Escape.

Brandon, Dec. 1.—A woman named Mrs. Stripp, employed as matron for Hilda Blake, the condemned murderer in the Brandon gaol, has been arrested charged with conveying a file to Miss Blake for the purpose of attempting to escape.

LABOR MINISTRY FALLS.

Defeated in Legislature Immediately  
Upon Announcement of Its  
Formation.

Brisbane, Dec. 1.—The labor ministry here will be short-lived. Premier Dawson on the meeting of the legislature to-day announced that he had formed a ministry, and moved to adjourn until Tuesday. The house, however, by a vote of 36 to 26, refused to pass the motion. The cabinet was thus defeated at the first sitting.

A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT.  
Insurance Companies Make Adjustment  
of Port Essington Fire Losses.

Mr. W. S. Harst, who has been engaged by the insurance companies to make the adjustments in connection with the losses caused by the Port Essington fire of November 10, has completed his report, which places the entire damage at between \$75,000 and \$80,000.

There was very little salvage. The hotel in particular suffered greatly, the property saved from it amounting to only about \$50. From the store building about \$1,000 worth of goods was saved.

There were besides those buildings carrying insurance twenty-three other structures destroyed on which there was no insurance whatever—the estimated loss on these being included in the figures given above. Mr. Cunningham states that it is the intention to rebuild Port Essington on a modern basis, and that foundations are being laid and lumber prepared at the sawmill preparatory to commencing building operations on a large scale next February.

In the meantime business is being carried on in temporary structures under the supervision of Mr. R. Cunningham, Jr. Mr. Cunningham Sr. is highly gratified at the prompt and satisfactory manner in which the adjustments have been made. He left last evening on the Wiluna for a short visit to Essington, and will probably return on the same steamer. The business manager, Mr. Harris, will remain in the city a few days prior to returning to his duties at the new Port Essington.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Victoria v. R. A.

The Victoria and Royal Artillery association team play at Beacon hill at 3 this afternoon, the Victoria team being as follows: Goal, W. Kinsman; backs, Schwengeler and Goward; half backs, Johnson, Lorimer and McKeown; forwards, Shandley, Hunter, Noot, Winsby, and Lawson. William Donaldson will act as referee.

Columbias vs. Wards.

The Columbias are requested to take the 2:10 car this afternoon for Esquimalt, where they play a return match with the Wards. The following team has been selected to represent the Columbias: Goal, McMeekin; backs, Marshall and Nesbitt; half-backs, Burns, Dalby and Turner; forwards, Berkley, Felt, Netherby, Wilson and Lawson.

HOCKEY.

To Play Vancouver.

The following team chosen by the Victoria Hockey Club went to Vancouver this morning to meet the Terminal City team at Brockton Point this afternoon: L. S. York, T. B. Tye, F. A. Fitch r.

(captain), C. Maclean, T. P. Patton, A. R. Robertson, R. Jagger, J. A. R. Rome, R. H. Swinerton, A. Macleay, and A. S. Gore.

THE TURF.  
Club Meet.

There will be a meeting of the Victoria Hunt Club at Colwood this afternoon. Members will rendezvous at the Cotwood hotel at 2:45.

GOLF.

Victoria vs. United Service.

The long-looked-forward-to engagement between the Victoria Golf Club and the representatives of the United Service commences at 1:30 this (Saturday) afternoon at the Oak Bay Links, the competitors including a number of the very best players of the rival clubs, which is in itself assurance of a keen and interesting battle. Appointed are the players representing the respective clubs, in the order of play, the full 18-hole course being used in the match play of the afternoon. The United Service representative is the first mentioned in each case:

Mr. R. Jenkins vs. H. Combe,  
Mr. Underwood vs. J. S. Sterling,  
Lieut. J. Evans vs. J. H. Escomb,  
Lieut. J. C. Cayley vs. C. J. Prior,  
Col. J. Peters, D. O. C., vs. A. P. Luxton,  
Dr. P. Handyside vs. Arthur Coles,  
Lieut. R. G. Glennie vs. G. H. Barnard,  
Rev. H. S. Wansbrough vs. W. H. Langley,  
Lieut. S. Deacon vs. C. B. Stahl-schmidt,  
Lieut. V. C. Beer, R. A., vs. A. D. Crease,  
Mr. W. Gillies vs. B. H. T. Drake.

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### LOCAL NEWS.

VITAL STATISTICS.—The vital statistics for the month of November are as follows: Deaths, 32; births, 25, and marriages 15.

A LONG TRIP.—Tug Lorne arrived in Royal Roads at 3 o'clock this morning, having in tow the Isle of Wight, 53 days from San Francisco.

A LOVELY DRUNK.—Yesterday was a quiet day in police circles, the only attendant to His Honor's morning "At Home" being a drunk who paid a fine of \$5.

CUSTOMS RETURNS.—During the month just past there has been \$68,437.26 collected in duties at the Victoria customs house, \$11,226.95 at Lake Bennett, and \$4,461.45 in other revenues, making the receipts in all total \$84,125.66.

PIONEER'S DEATH.—William McDonald, a resident of British Columbia since 1834, died yesterday morning at the Jubilee hospital at the age of 76 years. He was a native of Ferintosh, Ross-shire, Scotland. A sister, Mrs. James Bennett, resides in the city, his brother Donald having died some years ago. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 11 a.m. from Hanna's undertaking parlors and at 3:30 at the North Saanich cemetery.

A BUSY FIRM.—Christmas holiday preparations are now in full swing, and on every hand may be seen the bustle incident to this time of the year. But apart from this pleasantly disturbing element, many of the city's retailers are working overtime in order to keep up with their orders. To such an extent is this the case with Messrs. Erskine, Wall & Co. that midnight did not find their store deserted—all hands even then working like beavers getting ready for to-day's debut.

FOUND DEAD.—Dan Mitchell, ex-jockey and one of the best horsemen on the Coast, was found dead yesterday morning in Bray's stable on Johnson street. Deceased has been subject to fits and it is thought that it was during one of these that he expired. He was a native of Cornwall, England, and the greater portion of the 45 years of his life had been spent on the race courses of England and America. During the last ten years he has spent considerable time in Victoria, having charge at different times of Messrs. Sayward's, Taylor's and Tolmie's stables.

STABBED IN THE BACK.—A little sensation was created in the city police station on Thursday night. A Chinaman named Wong Poy botched into the station in an unceremonious way, fell prostrate on the floor, and in a loud voice called out: "Stabbed, cut, killed my new mynumw." "Stabbed? Cut! Killed?" Doctor! Other Liowellyn at once examined the man and saw blood flowing quite freely from a cut under the left shoulder-blade. He summoned Dr. Hart, and the latter found that the Chinaman had not been very seriously wounded. In explanation of the affair, Wong said he was going down Fisgard street when a vicious assault was made on him without provocation by Hong Chung in front of Tai Loy's place. Chung fled, and though since searched for has not yet been located by the police. Wong is a Christian Chinaman, and his adversary is said to belong to one of the secret societies of Chinatown.

SURPRISE PARTY.—Last evening about 6 o'clock the residence of Mr. Thomas Trounce was the scene of a determined and successful siege in the form of a surprise party. Mr. and Mrs. Trounce, who are well-known and much respected citizens, were just about to sit down to tea when a small army appeared at the gates with the peaceful weapons of cakes, sandwiches and cold fowl. The wily couple at once capitulated, and the invaders taking possession and immediately fell upon the supplies. An enjoyable evening was spent, the host and hostess entertaining their unexpected guests with the good Old China hospitality and style. Among the guests were the Revs. C. M. Tate and Robert Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. D. Spencer Capt. and Mrs. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. C. Spencer Capt. and Mrs. McCulloch, and Mrs. T. J. McCrossan Postmaster. Shakespeare, Sheriff McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. George Powell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Pendray sent regrets that they were unavoidably detained. Mr. Trounce unfortunately slipped while in the garden the other morning, but beyond a shaking he received no injury. He is one of the oldest citizens of Victoria and perhaps the most Hale and hearty for his years, a splendid testimony to a well-regulated and temperate life.

SPECIAL BARGAINS.—In tapestry carpet ends at Weller Bros.; also in Brussels' star carpets, lengths from 7 to 40 yards.\*

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## Vancouver's News Budget.

RECORD MONTH FOR WET WEATHER  
—GAMBLING CHARGE FAILS  
BRIDGE RIVER GOLD.

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR AT ST. ANDREW'S  
BALL—A CANDIDATE FOR  
LILLOOET.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT:

Vancouver, Dec. 1.—Three men have cleaned up \$8,000 on the Lorne claim in Bridge River district. The ore was roasted and run through a simple stone crusher, the concentrates being lost. The ore is said to have run \$100 to the ton. The Lorne is near the Bend d'Or and Ida May mines.

The case against J. Perri, accused under the anti-gambling law, was dismissed by the police magistrate to-day. It was a test case, the defence being that accused did not benefit directly from the game in question, by a rake-off or similar means.

The appointment of B. S. Jenkins as terminal superintendent of the C. P. R. telegraphs west of Port Arthur does not affect the position of Mr. James Wilson as superintendent of the Pacific Coast division. Mr. Jenkins was next to Mr. Hosmer in seniority in the service.

Licence Inspector Brown, who has been keeping a record of Vancouver weather, says that over fifteen inches of rain fell in November. The old-timers remember nothing like it. The Victoria official record showing 6:43 inches for that city, it will be seen that Victorians have cause for congratulation.

The St. Andrew's ball last night was a great success. There was a very large gathering and more than the usual number of handsome gowns. The Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. McInnes were honored guests. Just after supper the Lieutenant-Governor made a brief speech, referring particularly to the Transvaal war and the Canadian contingent. His Honor asked for three cheers for the Canadian contingent and the British soldiers at the front, a request that was heartily responded to.

Ald. Skinner has declared that he will run for Lilooet in the next provincial elections as an independent. He will not, he says, join the Martin wing.

According to a well-known mining man visiting in the city, one of Oom Paul's numerous nephews is engaged in mining in Kootenay.

T. J. Roberts is presenting a white whale to the provincial museum at Victoria.

One hundred and seventy-nine cases were brought before the police court during November. This beats the record.

AN EXPLANATION.—An explanation is due Colonist subscribers in the Eastern section of the city for the late delivery of the paper for several days. On Wednesday morning the delivery boy was thrown from his horse and severely injured and a second boy had to be sent out in his place.

On Thursday the regular boy tried to make the rounds but had to turn back, and since some little delay has been caused, for which the route agent craves the leniency of subscribers for a few days.

SOMETIMES IT SEEMS TO WEARY WOMAN THAT SHE MUST CERTAINLY GIVE UP. THE SIMPLEST AND EASIEST WORK BECOMES AS ALMOST INSURMOUNTABLE TASK. NECESSITY, SLEEPLESSNESS AND ANXIETY OVERWHELM HER AND LIFE SEEMS HARDLY WORTH THE LIVING.

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## Warrimoo From Australia.

The Canadian-Australian Liner Arrives After a Stormy Voyage.

Differences of Ship Builders and Carpenters and Caulkers' Association.

The Canadian-Australian liner Warrimoo, Capt. J. D. S. Phillips, arrived yesterday at 4 p.m. from the South Seas, her trip being, according to the officers, stormy almost from start to finish. Mr. F. E. Bellmaire, purser, says in his report the ship "left Sydney, N. S. W., at 1:30 p.m. November 1; experienced strong northeasterly winds and head sea up the Australian coast, arriving at Brisbane at noon November 9. The steamer left again at 2 p.m. next day; met with light, variable winds and fine weather to Cato Island, which was passed at 3 p.m. November 11. Brampton reef was cleared at 3 p.m. on the 12th, when wind and sea rapidly freshened into a moderate S. E. gale, and the steamer was carried to Vanikora Island, which was abeam at 10 p.m. November 14. Pleasant weather again set in for a time. The Equator was crossed at 6:45 p.m. on the 18th, where the wind again freshened into a northeast gale, with high sea and strong northwest currents, which were carried to the 22nd; thence fine weather to arrival at Honolulu at 1 p.m. 23rd November. Proceeded on voyage at 5:15 a.m. next day. Between Honolulu and Cape Flattery experienced a succession of northwest, west and southwest gales, with high sea, frequent heavy rains and thick weather approaching the coast. Passed Cape Flattery at 10:30 a.m. December 1, and arrived off Victoria at 4 p.m. Passed R. M. S. Aorangi in Moreton Bay on November 10."

The Warrimoo's passenger list was a record one, in that it was smaller by 50 per cent, than any the ship has had in over a year. There were no notables among those aboard, and only one or two were for Victoria. The complete list is as follows: Miss B. Brennan, Mr. A. B. Hudson, Mr. W. Newson, Mr. Henry Watson, Miss May Kerr, Mr. A. W. Frankinson, Mr. D. Gaynor, Mr. H. Clouston, Mr. T. Mayumi, Mrs. Newson, Mrs. Henry Watson, Mr. J. H. Porteour and Mr. H. Andwoldt.

The steamer's freight was made up of consignments as appended, all the mutton having been landed here: Preserved meats, 399 cases; 65 cases preserved rabbits; 8,900 sacks sugar; 1,600 carcasses mutton; 200 boxes butter; 4 boxes kidneys; 2 bags coffee; 10 cases soups; 49 cases pines; 352 empty kegs; 2 packages wool samples; 85 bales skins; 568 bags hides, and 5 packages sundries total 1,100.

The Queensland firm who shipped the mutton have a large contract with the British war department for supplying the soldiers in South Africa with fresh meat. They also sent a quantity to Honolulu on this trip of the Warrimoo, for use on United States transports.

**SEALING PREPARATIONS.**

The Marvin Fleet of Five Schooners Overhauled on Turpel's Ways.

Another of the Marvin fleet of sealers, the schooner Triumph, is to be hauled on Turpel's ways to-day, making the fifth in succession in a little over a week, the others being the Vera, Carlotta G. Cox, E. B. Marvin and Annie E. Paint. On Monday the schooner Sadie Turpel will be launched and the Favorite will be hauled out. Then on Tuesday the Thistle will be received on the grapple for a cleaning and painting and to have a new propeller adjusted. Elsewhere along the water front much work is being done on sealers, including Capt. Grant's three. Apropos of the sealing preparations being made, an interesting letter has been received from Billy, chief of the Ahousett Indians, notifying the sealing captains of a big potlatch that is to be in progress from now until Christmas at Esperanza Inlet, and of the uselessness of the latter to attempt to secure Indian hunters until after that event.

**POR CAPE NOME.**

Anur to Be One of the Fleet Engaged in the Goldfields Service.

The Canadian Pacific Navigation Company announced that the steamer Amur will sail for Cape Nome, carrying freight and passengers, on May 1. For some time past the company have had a large force of men engaged in refitting the steamer for the service, providing for increased accommodation and comforts, and equipping her in as near a perfect manner as possible. These alterations include new deck-houses, a ladies' sitting room, a smoking room, and a general overhauling of the steamer from stem to stern. In point of safety and sea-going qualities the Amur already possesses every advantage, and indeed few ships in the business will be her equal in this respect. She is an iron-built vessel

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**THE THIRD DOCTOR SAVED THE YOUNG LADY'S LIFE BY PRESCRIBING DR. CHASE'S NERVE FOOD.**

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for ocean trade, is comparatively new, has a double bottom, is fairly speedy, will be officered by men who are thoroughly competent and acquainted with Behring Sea navigation, and lastly she is rated **AI** at Lloyd's. In placing her sailing date at May 1 the company feel that it would be useless to make the trip prior to that date, as the ice would not permit of her completing the trip. The Amur makes the second Victoria ship now preparing for the service, the Alpha, another ocean-going steamer, being the other vessel. She is also an iron ship and in all respects first-class; in fact no inferior steamers will be permitted by the Canadian inspectors to enter into the passenger business anywhere on the Coast.

**A SHIPYARD DIFFERENCE.**

Turpel Shipyard Will No Longer Be Under Regulations of the Union.

Shipbuilders—those owning yards—and the members of the Ship Carpenters and Caulkers' Association of Victoria are not working in harmony. A number of small strikes have taken place lately, and now it would seem as though others are inevitable. At its meeting on Thursday night the association took a stand on a matter affecting the repairs of a San Francisco vessel on the Esquimalt marine railway. The question was asked if the union would, in the case of a 15-day contract on the bark *Theobald*, now in port, permit of outside help being employed. To this the union took objection, and it is not known yet how the matter will be ultimately dealt with. Mr. William Turpel when seen last evening said that henceforth his yard may be considered a non-union yard. He finds, he says, that the union is not dealing fairly by him, that he is paying for inferior work the highest wages, and that the good mechanics are doing odd jobs, quite irrespective of the understanding between the shipyard owners and the association. The latter, Mr. Turpel states, was organized four or five months ago, and regulations were drawn up to which he and others agreed conditionally to stand by. One rule was that no member of the association should work for consignee, agent or owner. In return the union men were to be paid \$4.50 per day of nine hours, and for overtime were to receive double pay. Mr. Turpel says he was quite prepared to support the union if these rules had been carried out, but he declares that they have been violated everywhere along the water front, and that it is high time to safeguard his own interests. Two or three times lately the men in his yard have gone out on strike because he happened to put a new man to work, yet odd jobs were being done by members of the association in several places. There are some 56 members of the association, which is under the presidency of Mr. J. Tagg and secretaryship of Mr. W. Thompson, and should a general strike take place not only would a large number of men be thrown out of employment but a great deal of work now being done in the yards would be interfered with.

**WATER FRONT BREVIETIES.**

Notes of Interest Respecting Local Shipping—Vessels to Arrive and Sail.

Steamer Toyon Maru is due from the Orient.

Steamer Queen City is due from Cape Scott and way ports.

Steamer Umatilla sails for San Francisco on the 5th instant.

Steamer Queen is due from San Francisco on the 4th instant.

British ship *Creedmore* is reported to have left Manila for the Roads.

Steamer Idzumi Maru is due from China and Japan on the 20th instant.

The steamship Germanic of the White Star Line arrived at New York at 9 a.m. yesterday.

Steamer Warrimoo, which arrived yesterday afternoon, passed only one unknown bark off the Straits.

Steamer Willapa sailed for Northern British Columbia ports last evening. Among her passengers were L. R. Lord, D. E. Davenport and D. Wilson.

The clearances and entries for the month of November are as follows: Coastwise—entries, 105; clearances, 113; deep sea—entries, 76 and clearances, 78.

An effort is being made on the American side to send the United States steamer Bear out to the relief of some of the overdriven vessels which, it is feared, must be short of provisions.

Steamer Queen City is overdue from the West Coast. Her delay is partially accounted for by the recent stormy weather on the coast and by the fact that the steamer had a very large cargo to discharge.

**THE LADUE COMPANY.**

Statements Which Show That Previous Reports Were Unfounded.

A statement has been received by the Colonist of the affairs of the Joseph Ladue Gold Mining & Development Company of Yukon, Mr. Elmer F. Botsford, the secretary and treasurer, in a letter says:

"Our claims in the Klondike are being worked during their proper seasons. We have built buildings to rent on our unimproved real estate, from which our company are receiving over \$1,400 a month already. We have a number of part of additional mining property, and have spent thousands of dollars for Canadian goods at Vancouver during the past summer, shipping them in Canadian boats and purchasing them from Canadian merchants. Our new mill has been running all summer, a large amount and much more since the formation of the company, have received two dividends. We would refer you to Mr. William Baird & Co., of Vancouver, through whom we purchased our groceries for the past year, account, account, account, nearly \$60,000. These goods are now in our store and warehouse at Dawson City. Although the Morgan City was unfortunate enough, in the employ of the government, to strike a rock, the stockholders were protected by ample insurance and there was no loss to see the reason for Canadian papers, at least to attack a company acting under a license from your government and investing hundreds of thousands of American dollars in the development of the country. At the same time, we have had amounted to nearly \$1,000 a day."

Mr. G. S. Connell, of Vancouver, has been our purchasing and shipping agent during the past year, and has made a trip to Dawson, and knows the condition and affairs of the company there. If you have any desire to discuss our terms regarding this, please do not hesitate to give me any information that you may desire."

This is followed by a letter from Mr. G. S. Connell, of Vancouver, in which he says:

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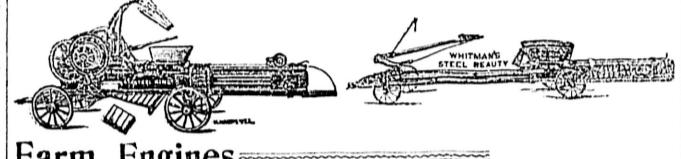
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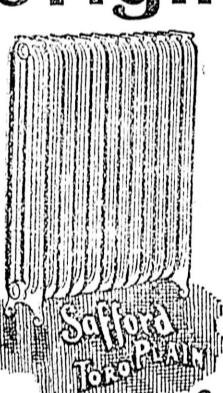
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THE WAR.

For forty-eight hours there has been a dearth of definite news, although there has been no lack of interesting reports. We know enough to feel safe in saying that the original plans of the enemy have been so far completely frustrated. His object was to capture Mafeking and Kimberley, to drive even White down to the sea, and destroy railway connection from the coast through Cape Colony. He has failed in all four particulars. Meanwhile the critical period, or at any rate what we all thought would be the critical period of the war, has passed. It looks reasonable to think that if the Boers could not get away with the local garrisons and Gen. White's slightly augmented command, they cannot hope to deal with the fine force now at Gen. Buller's disposal.

Methuen's magnificent advance seems to have saved the situation on the western frontier of the enemy's territory. He is now in communication if not in touch with Kimberley. We do not understand how he can very well also be acting in concert with Baden-Powell at Mafeking, for the latter point is nearly 200 miles distant from his present location, and he cannot very well have control of the existing lines of communication.

It is reported that the tension of the situation at Ladysmith, Kimberley and Mafeking has been greatly relieved. If this is true, a reasonable explanation would seem to be that the Boer forces were to be massed to resist the advance of one of our columns, or that the expected retirement on Pretoria had begun.

The Frere despatch of November 28 is somewhat puzzling. It speaks of an attempt being made by the Boers to blow up bridges there as having been defeated by our troops. This implies that Gen. Hildyard has control of the railway to Colenso, and that the expected massing of the Boers south of the river at that point has not taken place. Another despatch says that the Boers are heavily entrenched on the north side of the Tugela at Colenso. If this is the case they are between the advancing relief force and Gen. White's command, and are subject to being attacked on both front and rear.

At the time of writing the whole situation looks uncertain, with the advantage apparently greatly in our favor.

## POLICE MATTERS.

We think that the people generally are desirous of seeing the police service of Victoria improved, although there may be some difference of opinion as to what it is best to do. The matter of expense must always be kept in mind. Victoria is territorially a large city, and to police it in such a way as to provide for the safety of the citizens and their property in emergencies would be a very serious matter, if no other expedient could be proposed than the adding of a sufficient number of new men. More men are undoubtedly needed, but if a few modern improvements were adopted the efficiency of a numerically small force could be greatly increased. If the headquarters were always in touch with men upon their beats, one man could give very much more good service than under existing circumstances. At present when an officer goes out on duty the station has no way of communicating with him. This would be remedied by placing a few police boxes with telephones in convenient localities. Some people may not know what these boxes are, and perhaps we are not employing the exact term for them. They are little iron structures with a telephone inside. They are kept locked and each constable is provided with a key. When a man goes upon his beat, his first duty is to repair to the nearest box and notify headquarters of his arrival, and to state in what direction he proposes to patrol. Headquarters will then know in a general way about what time he may be expected to report from the nearest box in the direction indicated, and if he is wanted for any purpose he can be so informed. Every one who has had occasion to summon a policeman from headquarters in this city after night, knows that it is rarely possible to get one, and will see what a convenience it would be if headquarters could always tell such an applicant that the regular man on the beat would be sent as soon as he reported from a certain box. If in addition to the boxes a patrol wagon with a single horse were provided, the efficiency of any force that may be maintained would be greatly augmented. Let us suppose that about 1 o'clock in the morning a call comes to the station for a constable at, say, the Jubilee Hospital or over at the city line in Victoria West. Suppose there is a man available to send, how long will he be in getting there? A long enough time, certainly, and no one requires to be told that promptness is the very life of an efficient police service. With a patrol wagon the distance would be covered in a very short time, and if when the officer reached the place where he was wanted an arrest should be necessary, the wagon would be available to bring the prisoner in. It would also save expense in the case of arrests by constables in the ordinary course of his

duty. At present if an obnoxious prisoner is arrested, the constable must ring up a livery stable for a conveyance, and must leave his beat with his man. In the other case, he could remain on his beat, as an officer from headquarters would accompany the patrol wagon to take charge of the prisoner.

We do not suppose that the police commissioners have any authority to provide the boxes and the wagon. Doubtless this must be done by the city council. But the commissioners might very well take the matter into consideration and, if they think well of it, make a recommendation to the council.

## MUNICIPAL TAXATION.

In proposing the toast to the Mayor and Aldermen at the St. Andrew's dinner, Senator Templeman spoke of the need of greater city improvements and said that this meant the raising of more money. He added that it was not correct to say that taxes in Victoria were high, and that he believed the citizens could afford to pay more than they do. Senator Templeman in this touched upon a matter that has been alluded to in the columns of this paper, although we do not know that we went quite as far as he did. We are far from dissenting from his view as expressed on the occasion referred to, for we think he has taken a position that cannot be successfully assailed. Every one cries out for greater improvements; but improvements cost money and there is no way of raising the money except by additional taxation or by borrowing and the latter plan is one that ought not to be resorted to, while any other is available.

The Colonist would not wish to see real estate within the city unduly loaded with taxes, but the present rate, which as the Mayor pointed out, is only a little above one per cent on actual value, cannot be called high. It is very low compared with most of the cities in the State of Washington, with which Victoria is brought into comparison in the minds of visitors, for in some of them the rate is as high as five per cent. Senator Templeman said that in the Ontario municipalities the levy was almost invariably up to the legal limit of two per cent.

Possibly some means could be found of placing elsewhere than upon real estate holders some of the now necessary burden. We have mentioned on former occasions the taxation of rental values, the amount to be paid by the occupant. This would throw the burden upon the man who occupied his own premises, but would place it upon the tenant in other cases. This plan is not novel and there must be plenty of examples available to serve as guides. The matter seems to be worth investigating. In some places a poll tax is much in favor. In the province of New Brunswick one-eighth, if we remember aright, of all municipal taxation is levied as a poll tax upon every male resident of the community above the age of twenty-one years. Taxation is not very high there, except in one or two communities, and this poll tax is not felt to be a burden. It would doubtless be thought otherwise if imposed here. But there may be special cases where a poll tax of a fixed sum for a specified length of time would not be any more seriously objected to than any other system of taxation. We do not wish to be understood as advocating the principle of a poll tax, but it is a plan worth having in mind at a time when every one almost is thinking of civic improvements and who is to pay for them.

## PARTY LINES.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper asks a question in a letter printed in this morning's Colonist, which we are glad to answer. It is whether the Colonist claims that "party lines" do not now exist in provincial politics. They certainly do. When the proposed movement first came up the Colonist was always careful to use such expression as "federal party lines," but after a time it dropped into the general practice of speaking of it as one for party lines. This was an error and we are glad to have had our attention directed to it.

Sir Hibbert hopes that a new party to be introduced will contain the best elements of the three parties in the local arena, which he describes as the Semlin-Cotton party, the Turner party and the Martin party. As Messrs. Cotton, Turner and Martin have expressed themselves against the proposed new departure, we fear that unless "the best elements" of these parties are to be sought outside of the leaders, our correspondent's hope will meet with disappointment.

## GOLD CONGLOMERATES.

The Colonist printed a letter on Thursday last from Mr. Carl Ludloff, treating of the gold conglomerates of Cariboo, which he thinks are the source of the fine gold found practically everywhere in the sands of the Fraser. The letter has attracted a very great deal of comment, and many persons have asked who Mr. Ludloff is. We really know little more about him than he tells in his letter as published. The private note accompanying the printed letter says that he is a German, and the letter-head describes him as a geologist who does exploring work in mines, prospecting and mining; also as one who makes a specialty of American forest seeds. He says: "I do not know if my discoveries are new or not, but I consider the same of far-reaching importance to this part of the country."

As Mr. Ludloff says he has protected his own interests by locating a sufficient number of claims, there can be very little difficulty in those who are interested ascertaining what basis he has for his estimate of the great potential wealth of these conglomerates. We would in fact suppose from the general tenor of his

letter that he would be very glad to demonstrate his discovery to any person desirous to follow his example and locate conglomerate claims.

Certainly if what Mr. Ludloff advances is proved to be well founded a wonderful future is before the Cariboo district. For a number of years most people have been looking forward to some great discovery of gold-bearing rock in Cariboo. No one has been willing to believe that where such phenomenally rich placers existed, paying gold-bearing rock would not be found. There is nothing intrinsically improbable, therefore, in what Mr. Ludloff says, but quite the contrary. We feel confident that the energetic prospectors of British Columbia will next year give sufficient attention to Cariboo to either establish the correctness of the new discovery beyond cavil, or demonstrate that Mr. Ludloff has generalized from insufficient premises. If the result proves to be the former, Cariboo will stride to the front with a speed that will challenge the attention of the world.

We must for the fourth time correct Mr. McPhillips for his carelessness. The Colonist did not say that the Victoria delegation to New Westminster was not representative. The Colonist said nothing about the delegation, but only pointed out to Mr. McPhillips the logical conclusions from his own statement. It was Mr. McPhillips himself who raised any doubt on that

## Diary of the War.

TUESDAY, OCT. 10— Kruger issues his ultimatum  
Troops from India arrive at Ladysmith.  
Laing's Nek occupied by the Boers.  
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11— Orange Free State troops enter Natal.  
THURSDAY, OCT. 12— War formally declared by the Transvaal.  
FRIDAY, OCT. 13— Gen. Heeche with Boer force occupies Bothas Pass.  
Capt. Nesbitt's armored train captured by the Boers.  
Col. Fitz Clarence checks Boer advance near Mafeking.  
SATURDAY, OCT. 14— Mafeking invested by the Boers.  
Fighting near Mafeking and Spitzfontein.  
Boers occupied Spitzkop, near Newcastle.  
Kimberley invested by the Boers.  
Boers occupied Newcastle.  
SUNDAY, OCT. 15— Boers repulsed at Spruitfontein.  
Vryburg occupied by the Boers.  
Boers repulsed near Mafeking.  
MONDAY, OCT. 16— Boers advance on Glencoe.  
Boer repulse at Mafeking reported.  
Boers invade Rhodesia.  
TUESDAY, OCT. 17— Armored train repulses Boers near Kimberley.  
Desultory outpost skirmishes near Glencoe.  
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18— Engagement at Acton Holmes and Leicester, in Natal.  
THURSDAY, OCT. 19— Boers blow up bridges at Fourteen Streams and Modder River.  
Natal Carabiniers and Border Mounted Rifles engage the Boers near Ladysmith.  
FRIDAY, OCT. 20— Battle of Talana Hill (Glencoe)—Boers defeated.  
SATURDAY, OCT. 21— Battle of Elshaatje—Boers defeated.  
Engagement near Mafeking—British successful.  
Outposts at Glencoe engaged.  
Armored train engages the Boers near Kimberley.  
TUESDAY, OCT. 24— British artillery engages the Boers on Newcastle road  
Bombardment of Mafeking began.  
Col. Turner defeats the Boers near Kimberley.  
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25— Gen. White disperses the Boers at Rietfontein.  
Gen. Symons died from his wound.  
THURSDAY, OCT. 26— Gen. Yule effected a junction with Gen. White.  
FRIDAY, OCT. 27— Brilliant and successful sortie from Mafeking.  
MONDAY, OCT. 30— Gen. White has indecisive engagement at Ladysmith.  
Surrender of Royal Irish Fusiliers, the Gloucestershire Regiment and a mountain battery to the Boers.  
THURSDAY, NOV. 2— Gen. White defeats Orange Free State forces at Bester's Hill.  
A Boer force enters Cape Colony at Bethulie.  
Colenso evacuated by the British, who retire to Estcourt.  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3— British defeated the Boers in an engagement near Ladysmith.  
Heavy Boer losses reported.  
TUESDAY, NOV. 14— Gen. White made a successful sortie and drove Boer guns from position.  
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15— Armored train affair near Estcourt. Winston Churchill missing.  
THURSDAY, NOV. 23— Gen. Methuen defeated the Boers and retook Belmont.  
SATURDAY, NOV. 25— Gen. Methuen defeated the Boers at Graspan.  
MONDAY, NOV. 27— Gen. Methuen captured Honingrest Kloof.  
Gen. Butler orders advance from Estcourt.  
TUESDAY, NOV. 28— Gen. Methuen engages Boers at Modder River, and drives the enemy from position after ten hours' fighting; "the bloodiest of the century."

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The report of the police commission, which we print this morning, having been fully anticipated, calls for no special comment. We hope the observations made in regard to the duty of constables to report irregularities to their superiors will receive attention. Commissioner McMicking in the course of the meeting made an observation which we think will meet with general approval. He said that he supposed the board would now have to take up the whole question of police regulations and the management of the force. This would be a very wise course to follow.

We print a statement in regard to the Jardine Ladue Company at the request of its representatives. The publication is due to the company at the hands of the Colonist because we reproduced some time ago an article from the B. C. Review reflecting upon the business standing of the company, the Review's article being based upon something that appeared in the Engineering and Mining Journal. Of course the Colonist had no

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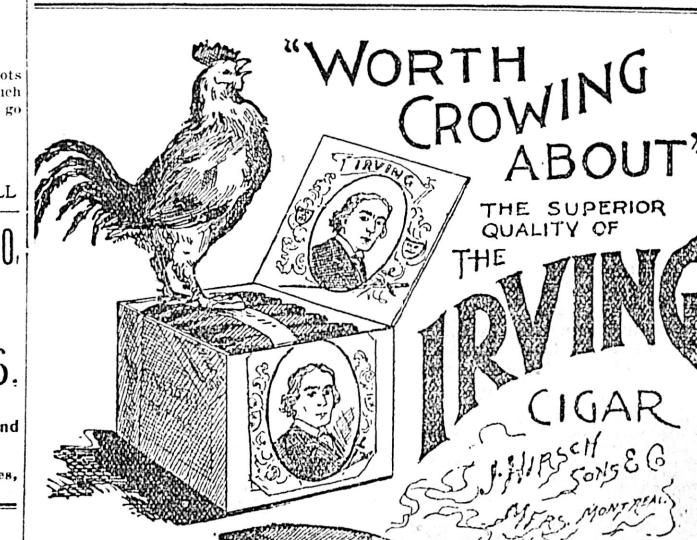
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Nanaimo, B.C., 22nd November, 1899.

## VICTORIA TIDES.

By Mr. Napier Denison.]

The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to 14 feet of water in the channel off Shoal Point, and 18.8 feet above the sill of the Esquimalt dry dock.

Saturday, Dec. 2.	Sunday, Dec. 3.		
Time.	Height above zero	Time.	Height above zero
4:50 a.m.	10.2 feet.	6:00 a.m.	10.2 feet.
8:00 a.m.	6.0 feet.	9:00 a.m.	5.8 feet.
1:30 p.m.	9.5 feet.	2:00 p.m.	9.6 feet.
5:30 p.m.	0.2 feet.	10:00 p.m.	0.2 feet.

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Secured Patents.—According to the Canadian Patent Office Record for the month ending September 30, 400 patents were issued, three of which are from British Columbia, as follows: W. H. McCormick, New Westminster, driving gear; H. H. Bales, Vancouver, electric cigar lighter, and A. J. Kapelle and J. Walker, vending box.

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### A YOUNG GIRL'S HEALTH.

Mr. F. H. Hibbard, of Savyerville, Que., says: "My daughter Lena kept gradually failing in health for nearly two years. She was studying hard at school and this may have been the origin of the trouble. She lost flesh, was very pale, subject to headaches, and had a poor appetite. We became very much alarmed and doctored for some time, but with little or no benefit. Finally we read the testimonial of a young girl whose symptoms were similar, who was cured by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. This decided us to give them a trial in my daughter's case, and the result was beyond our most sanguine expectations. Before more than a few boxes were used Lena was rapidly looking better and gained sixteen pounds in weight. She is now as healthy as any girl in Savyerville, and I am quite willing this statement should be published, that our experience may prove an equal blessing to some other similar sufferer."

There are numerous pink colored imitations against which the public is cautioned.

The genuine are only sold in boxes with wrapper resembling the engraving on the left, but printed in RED ink. If your dealer does not have the genuine, send direct to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and they will be mailed post-paid at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50.

## Public Schools Of Victoria.

### Complaints of the Lighting and Ventilation of the Rooms.

### Matters That Require the Attention of the School Authorities.

**P**ARENTS of Victoria—a question for you! Are the public school buildings of the city in such condition as to ensure the preservation of the health of the children who on five days of the week spend five or six hours at their tasks at the less favored desks?

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Form IV, as frequently referred to as Miss Watson's room, is perhaps the worst of the collection of experiments in ventilation. It has an enrolment of perhaps forty-five scholars, and is lighted only by means of two windows and two half-windows on the south side, from which all direct sun is cut off by the Pemberton gymnasium.

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Principal Paul has a diminutive but neat retiring room of recent construction, at the northern entrance, heat being apparently the one thing needed to make it fairly comfortable. The young ladies' cloak-room is also a welcome innovation of recent date—and is satisfactory except save for the fact that it is crowned with a leaky roof.

No person who has intelligently studied the existent conditions and the necessities of a modern educational establishment, would venture to say that the premises now utilized for the accommodation of the Victoria High school could by any process of re-arrangement or alteration be converted into satisfactory quarters. A new school, separate and independent of the Central public schools, must be provided before existing difficulties are met. At present not a few, but the majority of the more advanced pupils of Victoria are being educated at the risk of ruined eye-sight and shattered health.

Many of the criticisms upon the High school accommodations apply equally to similarly situated apartments of the Boys' Central. Mr. Salloway's room (No. II) in particular, is almost on par with Miss Watson's—save for the ever-present smell of rancid oil in the latter. The insufficiency of windows is the same: the ventilation is as difficult. There are two full-sized and two half-sized windows, all in the shade of the darkened windows, and on dark days the occupants of the rear seats must either change about for places nearer the windows or be excused from their lessons. There is little endeavor here to be noted at brightening the prevailing gloom of the dreary apartment.

Principal Gillis' room (No. I) accommodates thirty-four pupils at present, and is fairly well lighted, from the left only. The difficulties of lighting and ventilation are not so apparent here as on the other side of the building, the Principal's local complaint being primarily of poor blackboards.

As in the majority of the rooms on the boys' side, little attempt at floral or other decoration is to be noted.

Mr. Currie's room (No. III) is the working home of forty-three little men, and as for light and ventilation is on equal terms with the senior class room. Decorations are as conspicuous by their absence.

Form IV (Miss Sylvester), being a corner room, has the advantage of both rear and left-side windows, affording satisfactory light, and also assuaging

materially in the changing of the air so as to secure proper ventilation. Miss Sylvester's chief difficulty is in warming the room with her present heater—and in bidding defiance of the wind which once in a while makes so bold as to come in through the window, carrying the window with it. There are forty-six enrolled pupils in this class, and their school-home is made comparatively cheerful in appearance by means of flower and foliage plants in the window niches, and a few pictures keeping company with the maps on the wall.

In Mr. Clark's room (No. V), if so be that there is no wind, one side or the other complain of feeling too cold—those on the other side are too warm. The light is moderately satisfactory, and the ventilation may also be classed as fair. A few calendars redeem the wall from utter bareness.

Mr. Stephenson (Form VI) complains that the light is so bad in his room that he is very frequently obliged to change pupils about; while as for the ventilation, it depends entirely upon the windows, and when a north wind blows it is necessary to close these, the teacher as well as the children suffer all the agonies of headaches and the other direct effects of impure air. The roof of Room VI is leaky; and the plaster constantly threatens to fall upon the scholars with disastrous consequences. A few patriotic pictures and flags, with the maps, save the room from total cheerlessness.

On the ground floor, Miss Nason (Form VIII) has quite the most attractive department of the Boys' school. It is well lighted, and does not suffer appreciably through ill-ventilation. A profusion of well-cared-for flowering plants give life and color to the windows, while pictures adorn the walls and help to convince the little people that school isn't such a dark and dismal place after all. That the teacher of Form VIII has her heart in her work and the improvement of its environments, is further evidenced by the presence of a cottage organ—her own property, but which aids materially in making school life pleasant for those whose early education is in her hands.

The contrast between this light, bright, pleasant school room and the neighboring department over which Miss Jesse presides (Form VII) is impressive—not because of any lack of interest or efficiency on the part of the teacher, but because of the character of the room itself. Flowers could not be induced to thrive in so dark and cellar-like a place; how children can be expected to pass the comprehension of the ordinary observer.

There are pictures on the walls, as a small measure of consolation, but the pictures cannot assist the lighting or the ventilation. Both are utterly inadequate.

The pupils strain their eyes and test the strength of their constitutions every working day. The air is foul and heavy for half an hour after dismissal—and the only wonder is that the sanitary officer has not ere this condemned this and three other similarly placed departments on the score of the public health.

One glaring fault that is noticeable

in all the rooms making up the Boys' Central is found in the blackboards. They are too high for a child to reach—and stretch to the floor, where no one would ever use a blackboard. Across the happy medium height, at which work must be done, a decorative (presumably) strip of wood interposes itself. It is an absurdity of the general design that cannot fail to impress anyone who studies the necessities of educational establishments. Even in Mr. Stephen's department, where recent alterations were made, this aggravating strip of wood has been re-provided, to preserve the general and nonsensical effect.

And yet one other fault—the seats and desks have been provided with total disregard to the varying sizes and heights of the children that are to use them. The wee tots in Miss Nason's room, for example, may find themselves perched on seats that would fit scholars ripe for High school classification—while it is equally probable that the pupils of the higher grades will be required to perform contortions in getting into seats that would have been the proper height for them years before.

The Girls' Central school, occupying the eastern end of the block of buildings, is not open to the same criticism as that portion devoted to the education of the boys. Indeed there are included among the girls' departments several rooms that are quite equal to any in the city. The ventilation of practically all the rooms is good, while lighting does not present the same difficulties as it does on the boys' side of the house.

Miss Williams, principal of the girls' schools, has an exceptionally pleasant room, lighted from either side, and charmingly brightened with a profusion of flowering and foliage plants, the arrangement of which is in itself an art lesson for the pupils. Pictures of a superior class adorn the walls, and all the surroundings bespeak taste and woman's appreciation of beauty and delicacy in arrangement. The ventilation of the room is unobjectionable, and the scholars have little on the whole to complain of.

Miss Barron's room (No. II) while its decorations are less ornate and general than those of the principal's class room, is also very effectively brightened with blooming plants and examples of the engraver's and lithographer's art. The lighting and ventilation are equally good.

The same may be said of Miss Keast's room (No. III), Miss Robinson's (No. IV), and Miss Lawson's (No. V)—the latter teacher complaining chiefly of occasional bad cross-lights. Her room is notable for the number of up-to-date illustrations from the public prints that are found in what may be termed the art gallery—contemporaneous history being effectively presented thereby.

Miss Shrapnel's (No. VI), Miss Brown's (No. VII), and Miss Russell's (No. VIII) are all fairly well lighted, well ventilated and cheery rooms, with whom little legitimate complaint can be found.

Some cynical visitor to the South Park school has said that the architect of this one of the newest of Victoria's school buildings, had evidently studied under the same master as the designer of the Victoria law courts. Certainly there is a reminder of the one in the other, although there is little of a "maze" in the general arrangement of the new school near the park.

It is chief difficulty thus far has been the question of ventilation—while strange to say, this is the only one of the city schools that is provided with a distinct and separate system of ventilation—on the Smead-Dowd plan. Latterly it has been working better than on first acquaintance with it, and it is more than possible that when the handling of the system shall have been thoroughly mastered no further difficulties will be encountered.

Local conditions certainly appear to affect the system—ventilation under precisely the same conditions of management, varying day to day. The caretaker for a time seemed to labor under the impression that so long as a room was cool, the air must of necessity be pure air. Cool air and pure air were tacitly accepted as synonymous—and the fires in the ventilator shafts were in consequence lighted only when the weather seemed to justify a fire.

Now, however, the caretaker carries out instructions, and the fires are maintained daily in the shafts—with a perceptible improvement in the ventilation of the school as a whole. Several of the individual class rooms appear to suffer yet, through the governing conditions not being clearly understood. This is a matter that should right itself, however, and doubtless will.

The room presided over by Miss Cameron, the principal, is a lofty, well ventilated chamber—sufficiently lighted, as all the rooms in this school are, from both the rear and the left side—the approved lights according to educational experts. Flowers blossom in the window sills, and the walls are brightened with pictures and other simple items of decoration.

Miss Spear's room, on the opposite corner (No. II) also boasts of a few less thriving flowers; and it is here that the defects of ventilation at the present time are most apparent. Despite the supposed superiority of the ventilation arrangements, and open windows as well, the air at the close of a day's work is unmistakably impure and unhealthy—a fact that should stimulate the caretaker, teachers and trustees to incessant investigation and experiment until the existing obstacle to health and progress has been overcome.

Lighting and ventilation are fairly satisfactory in Mr. Winsby's room (No. III), Mr. Tait's (No. IV), where a few pictures cheer the eye; Miss Frank's (No. V), in whose room further successful effort in the line of beautifying and making the school attractive, by means of growing flowers is apparent; Miss Lorimer's (No. VI), Miss Fraser's (No. VII) and Miss McLean's (No. VIII)—all the teachers of this school showing indisputably that they realize the advantage of making school premises home-like and cheerful. Indeed the teaching staff of this school may be said to lead the entire city in enthusiasm in their work. They are the first to suggest new methods and to evoke an interest in their class rooms paralleling the interest that the majority of womankind feel in their own homes. The result cannot be but good.

There are some things of course that South Park wants in order that the happiness of teachers and scholars may be made perfect. For example, they have in the assembly room, where the entire school is mustered each morning, two handsome flags, won in competition with the other schools on the only two occasions for which competitive drills have been arranged. But they have no flagstaff upon which to float their doubly-significant colors to the breeze. They would like very much to have one.

Then again, they have a library, a small one it is true, yet a beginning, of which they are rightly proud. It is contained in a little cupboard room near the main entrance, in which it has no chance to grow, nor yet to properly emphasize its utility. An edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, and some 800 miscellaneous volumes make up the literary resources of the school; and illustrating the advantages of even this spall



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## Commissioners

## Present Report

Chief's Resignation Saves the Board From Taking Further Action.

Constable Clayards Reprimanded for His Actions in Lacoste Case.

Yesterday morning's meeting of the board of police commissioners, held in the council room at the city hall, was a tame affair when compared with recent meetings. There was no crowd of citizens to secure a point of vantage—in fact beyond the commissioners, Chief Sheppard, Constable Clayards, the representatives of the press and City Solicitor Bradburn, no one thought it worth while attending. The Colonist has published a forecast of the reports, and it proved quite correct. Chief Sheppard, having resigned, was "let down easy," and Constable Clayards was reprimanded.

The meeting was called for 11 o'clock. The commissioners and Solicitor Bradburn were closeted together for some time, then Chief Sheppard and Constable Clayards were called in, and when everything had been carefully arranged the public, represented by the press, were admitted to hear what the commissioners had decided to do. The public meeting of the board might therefore be called a "cut and dried meeting." First the reports dealing with the charges against Chief Sheppard and Constable Clayards were read as follows:

The commissioners having carefully considered Constable Clayards' reply to the commissioners' request for an explanation of his conduct, have given the investigation subsequently held before the commissioners into the constable's behavior in connection with the Julia Lacoste case, and as follows:

That the constable's evident anxiety to tell the world whom he knew to be a prostitute, and who was without doubt, in the minds of the commissioners, engaged in an illegal traffic, whether such action on the part of the constable was or was not in any measure the result of plique or quarrel or any other ulterior influence, is to be considered, as tending to detract the ends of justice.

There is reason to believe that discord existed between the officers interested in this case. Such condition, however, would not provide justification on the part of either to act in a manner which would tend to detract the ends of justice.

There were other and proper ways of righting such wrongs, and which must have been within the constable's knowledge.

The commissioners adjudge Constable Clayards guilty of various indecent, irreverent, and unbecoming conduct, notwithstanding the good work hitherto performed by this officer, together with the uniformly good report of the Chief of Police, the commissioners think that the requirements of justice will be met by a reprimand, which is hereby administered.

The commissioners would further state that Constable Clayards' duty when he became aware of ex-Sergeant Walker's inattention was to have reported the same officially in writing to the Chief of Police.

That he knew that it was his duty to report to the Chief is evident from the following statement in his letter, viz.: "When asked why I did not report to the Chief I replied that it would do no good."

His complaining to the commissioners that the Chief was aware of Walker's habits, without having first officially notified the Chief, gives first knowledge of the fact to certain officers, which may arise between officers in future of such a nature as to impair their usefulness by hindering them in the full and free execution of their duty, may be promptly laid before the proper officer in the manner prescribed.

The commissioners further express a hope that the and all differences which may arise between officers in future of such a nature as to impair their usefulness by hindering them in the full and free execution of their duty, may be promptly laid before the proper officer in the manner prescribed.

The evidence given in this case shows, by the admission of the Chief himself, in addition to that of other witnesses, that the Chief was fully aware of ex-Sergeant Walker's inactivity, and that it was his duty to have reported it to the Police Commissioner, so that they might have dealt with the case.

In view of the fact that Chief Sheppard has since placed his resignation in the hands of the commissioners, to take effect December 31, 1899, they deem it unnecessary to proceed further in the matter.

Signed—CHARLES E. REDFERN,  
(Chairman,  
R. B. MCKEEING,  
THOS. A. BRAYDON,  
Commissioners.

Constable Clayards was bowed out, and the Chief's resignation, to take effect on December 31, was read. It was adopted without comment.

Two resolutions were introduced by Commissioner McKeeing, seconded by Commissioner Brydon and carried. The first was a resolution recommending the council to appoint Chief Sheppard Chinook interpreter for the police court; the second calling for applicants for his old position, applications to be in by December 26, the salary to be \$100 a month and applicants to forward their photographs and testimonials. There was some talk of asking applicants to give their experience, but after a whispered conversation the word "experience" was not inserted.

Commissioner McKeeing mentioned the necessity of revising the police regulations, but the board adjourned without taking any action.

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## Public Schools Of Victoria.

(Continued from page six.)

and runs down to a constantly-damp, pine-shaded corner that is supposed to be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the girls. There is a vacant lot adjoining the school grounds that it is said could be acquired for very little, or rented for less, and which the teacher and pupils have volunteered to level and improve free of all cost to the trustees if given the opportunity.

Of the five class rooms, presided over by Mr. Taft, Miss Gardiner, Miss Powell, Miss Barron and Miss Christie, it may be said that they are on the whole well lighted and well ventilated, although Mr. Taft's classes complain of darkness at times owing to the pines in the school yard shading the windows; and Miss Barron's little family find themselves very much restricted as to space. Mr. Taft's room contains a number of interesting pictorial works, inclusive of portraits of numerous public men who have risen to prominence in British Columbia, and whose careers are not infrequently taken as object lessons for the children of to-day.

A sixth division, under the charge of Principal Tait of this school, is taught by Miss Nesbitt in the Baptist mission, some little distance away. The class room here is lighted from both sides and rear, very effectively, while the ventilation is equally good. Flowers and appropriate pictures make the class room a very homelike and cheery place, and the only obstacle to the satisfaction of teachers and pupils is the absence of an adequate playground.

Another of the suburban schools, that at Spring Ridge—where Mrs. A. W. Taylor and Mr. L. A. Campbell are the ruling spirits—is meeting all requirements fairly well. The ventilation and lighting of each of the four rooms are good, outside doors in each providing effective means for changing the air whenever necessary. As in West Victoria, the great desideratum is a playground—vacant lot just opposite the school at present fills the bill, by courtesy of the owners of the convenient piece of property.

The recently re-opened primary school on Kingston street, in charge of Miss Lawson and Miss Fraser, may be said to be fairly well lighted and well ventilated, although the windows at present have manifestly a tendency to "stick" vexatiously. The ventilation of Miss Lawson's room is undoubtedly superior to that of Miss Fraser's—but no great difficulty is experienced in securing fresh air in either.

In Miss Lawson's room an attempt has been made to secure a cheery effect with plants and pictures, and much more will be done along the same lines as soon as new shelves for the windows can be secured.

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All the evidence has been submitted in connection with the arbitration proceedings dealing with the assessment of the E. & N. Railway Company's right of way through the Indian reservation, and the arbitrators will now determine on the evidence submitted to them on the assessment of the land in question.

The arbitrators are required to have their decision ready before the first day of February next, but in all probability it will be given in less than a fortnight.

The proceedings yesterday morning commenced shortly after 11 o'clock in the Board of Trade room, as usual.

Major A. W. Jones was the first witness called, and under examination by Mr. Davis said he had been engaged in the real estate business in Victoria for fifteen years. In November of 1892 he was familiar with the value of lands around Victoria. He remembered being asked to value the land in the Indian reserve, and gave to the best of his ability, after a close examination, a written estimate to the Indian commissioner, Mr. A. W. Vowell. The communication was here produced and identified by Maj. Jones as having been drawn up by him.

Mr. Bodwell here objected to the submitting of this valuation, as it only proved that a valuation had been made, and was not the best means to prove at what Mr. Jones estimated the value of the property.

Mr. Davis, on the other hand, submitted that the written valuation made by Mr. Jones at the time (1892) was the best evidence to show what in his estimation the land was really valued at. The witness had sworn that he had made the valuation to the best of his ability.

The umpire, Judge Harrison, here remarked that Mr. Russell, in giving his evidence, was required to deal only with the value of land in 1886. These reports of Mr. Jones had been made out from different aspects.

CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER.

the lots in question were less than an acre—one man might own five and another six. In his calculation of the price he made allowance for the damage caused by the railway running through a portion of this land. The whole quantity of property he purchased for right of way amounted to five or six acres.

This closed the case for the Dominion government, Mr. Davis suggesting that the arbitrators give their decision irrespective of the presence of the Indians, as these could be removed from the reserve at any time.

Mr. Bodwell suggested that the arbitrators find two valuations dealing with the different dates—1886 and 1891 or 1892.

Before the board rose, Mr. Pinder, the civil engineer for the E. & N. Railway Company, made an examination into the map and plans produced to ascertain their accuracy. The right of way as shown on the map is 100 feet in width—50 feet on either side of the railway track.

The umpire in the proceedings was Judge Harrison, Messrs. F. G. Richards and Geo. Riley acting as arbitrators. The counsel engaged are Mr. E. P. Davis, Q.C., for the Dominion government, and Messrs. E. V. Bodwell and A. P. Luxton for the E. & N. Railway Company.

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### Letters to the Editor.

#### PARTY LINES.

Sir: "We think that the Victoria Conservatives, who agree with the Colonist that it is against the best interests of the province that party lines should prevail in the provincial political arena," will not feel called upon to abandon their views because Mr. McPhillips denies their right to entertain them.

I quote the above from your editorial of the 26th November, and would feel obliged if you will further define your position.

Do you pretend that "party lines" do not prevail?

Are there not the Semin-Cotton party, the Turner party, and the Martin party now recognized in provincial politics?

As I understand it, there is an intention to introduce into the provincial arena another party, viz., the Liberal-Conservative party, which, let me hope, will yet include the best elements of the above three.

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MR. MCPhillIPS POSITION.

Sir: It may be that in the discussion of matters that are of importance and upon which we have strong feelings, wrong conclusions may be come to. I am free to admit this. It is only necessary to refer to the late Lord Justice Bramwell to well state this: "Two I have lived long enough to learn that two right-minded men may honestly take different views of what is right in the same matters." At the same time I still feel that I was right in calling your attention to the fact that you were drawing wrong conclusions and voicing them through your columns, when you in effect proclaimed that the majority voice of the people, or at least the great majority of the Conservative voters of Victoria were against party lines.

To turn to what you say this morning about my having had sufficient rope—and the result—has been that a hanging has taken place—and that I am involved in an inextricable mesh-

there is little more to say than what I early said in the discussion, viz., that the instructions to vote against party lines given to the Victoria delegates was instruction given at a meeting not largely attended and no notice had been given that such a subject would be up for consideration. Your view may be the correct one that the majority of the Victoria Conservatives are against party lines, but I beg to differ with you in that view.

My reason for taking up this matter arose from the fact that I was not desirous of having the Victoria Conservatives placed in a false position as it might reasonably be thought without some denial that the view of the Colonist was the view of the Victoria Conservatives and when we have our brethren on the Mainland a unit on this question it was not well to allow your position taken to go unchallenged.

To my mind it is the denial of the olive branch from the Mainland, to refuse to divide upon some lines that will forever sick, dis-  
tructively and insidiously jealousy and

distress that I am sorry to say, through misunderstanding and want of diplomacy does exist.

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